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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to create and
2 provide duties for the Nebraska Women, Infants, and Children
3 Program Advisory Board.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Nebraska Women, Infants, and Children
2 Program Advisory Board is created. The board shall consist of the
3 following members appointed by the Governor with the approval of the
4 Legislature. Within thirty days after January 1, 2008, the Governor
5 shall appoint eight members for terms of two years and nine members
6 for terms of four years. Each succeeding member of the board shall be
7 appointed for a term of four years, except that a member appointed to
8 fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term. If the Legislature
9 is not in session when members of the board are appointed, such
10 members shall take office and act as appointees until the next
11 session of the Legislature. The members of the board shall include:

12 (1) Two wholesalers of authorized products for the state
13 WIC program authorized under section 71-2227;

14 (2) Two manufacturers of authorized products for the state
15 WIC program;

16 (3) Five grocery store representatives, one representing a
17 national grocery chain, one representing a regional grocery chain, two
18 representing single store operators, and one representing independent
19 multiple stores;

20 (4) The director of a statewide grocers association;

21 (5) Two recipients of supplemental nutrition and services
22 from the state WIC program;

23 (6) One representative of a specialty retailer such as a
24 pharmacy or a state-WIC-program-only retailer;

25 (7) Two representatives of groups which advocate for
26 recipients of supplemental nutrition and services from the state WIC
27 program;

1 (8) One local director or coordinator for the state WIC
2 program; and

3 (9) The state director of the state WIC program.

4 The appointments to the board should be geographically
5 diverse, representing the urban and rural areas of Nebraska.

6 The board shall meet at least twice annually to review the
7 status of the state WIC program. The members of the board shall
8 receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and
9 necessary expenses in the discharge of their duties as provided in
10 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

11 Sec. 2. The Nebraska Women, Infants, and Children Program
12 Advisory Board shall issue an annual report outlining its findings and
13 recommendations to the Governor and the Health and Human Services
14 Committee of the Legislature. The Nebraska Health and Human Services
15 System shall provide administrative support to the advisory board and
16 shall be responsible for production and distribution of such annual
17 report.